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GENERATION X-23

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WOLVERINE TAKES ON THE GENERATED

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FROM **WEAPON X**, WHICH GAVE **WOLVERINE** HIS ADAMANTIUM BONES AND CLAWS, TO THEIR OFFSHOOT, **THE FACILITY**, WHICH BIRTHED **X-23**, TO **ALCHEMAX GENETICS** AND BEYOND, THE MISTREATMENT OF MUTANTS IN PURSUIT OF THE ULTIMATE WEAPON HAS REMAINED A CONSTANT. **LAURA KINNEY**, AS **WOLVERINE**, HAS LONG LEFT HER LIFE AS THE ASSASSIN X-23 BEHIND. **GABBY**, CLONE/SISTER OF LAURA, HAS FOLLOWED IN HER HEROIC FOOTSTEPS AS **SCOUT**.

BUT THE LEGACY OF X-23 LIVES ON…

GENERATION X-23

LAURA encountered a mutant with time-distortion powers, who died after rapidly aging in front of Laura's eyes. The mutant carried the scent of Laura's old friend **KIDEN**, a mutant with similar time-based powers, which can only mean one thing: Someone's experimenting on mutants. Tracking the scent back to a nondescript compound, Laura and **GABBY** fought through robotic sentries based on Laura herself before encountering a new group of mutants. The Kinney sisters braced for a fight… but the new mutants were instead starstruck, thrilled to be in the presence of X-23!

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"A NUMBERS GAME" PART 2

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I WAS BORN INSIDE OF A LAB.

MADE, REALLY.

MEANT TO BE *NOTHING MORE* THAN A TOOL TO BE USED.

JUST *ONE* OF THE WEAPONS MADE BY THE FACILITY, AND OTHER GROUPS LIKE THEM.

MY SISTER GABBY AND I TRACKED DOWN WHAT SEEMED TO BE A *NEW BRANCH* OF THE FACILITY.

READY TO RESCUE ANY *KIDS* WHO MIGHT BE HERE.

BUT THESE KIDS DON'T *ACT* LIKE PRISONERS.

WHAT'S *GOING ON* HERE?

IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK...COULD I MAYBE GET AN AUTOGRAPH?

OF COURSE! BUT ONLY THE *FIRST* ONE IS FREE.
YOU CAN SIGN LATER. WE NEED TO *TALK.*
MEETING ROOM. *NOW.*
BUT IT'S *REALLY X-23!*
WE DON'T KNOW *WHAT* THIS PLACE IS. STAY ALERT.
DUH.
I TRACKED A GIRL WHO SMELLED LIKE MY FRIEND KIDEN. *X-80.*
SHE WAS DEFINITELY *HERE.* AND RECENTLY.
SNIFF
THAT'S *INDUSTRIAL CLEANER.* JUST LIKE THE FACILITY USED TO CLEAN UP AFTER...*ROUGH* TRAINING SESSIONS.
BUT THERE'S *ALWAYS* TRACES OF DEATH LEFT BEHIND.
SO...YOU'RE LIKE *ACTUAL SUPER HEROES,* RIGHT?
THAT'S--
ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. YOU CAN CALL ME *SCOUT!*
CLONE OF X-23 AND *TOTALLY LEGITIMATE SUPER HERO!*
A *CLONE* OF A *CLONE?*
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE SO SHORT?
YOU'RE LUCKY I'M *SO HEROIC,* OR YOU'D GET *STABBED* FOR THAT.
SNIKT

SOMETHING *BAD* HAPPENED HERE. BUT *THEY* DON'T ACT LIKE IT.

AND IF THE PEOPLE RUNNING THE FACILITY ARE *GONE*, WHY ARE THEIR SUBJECTS *STILL HERE?*

OKAY. WHO *ARE* ALL OF YOU?

YOU BROKE INTO *OUR HOME*. I THINK *YOU* SHOULD--

X-73, MA'AM! AND THIS IS MY BEST FRIEND, 74!

DID YOU *REALLY* JUST CALL HER *MA'AM?*

YOU *ABSOLUTE NERD.*

AND I'M 99...*OR AM I?!*

COOL! THIS IS A *LOT* OF NUMBERS TO REMEMBER...

"I'M 92. I'M *REALLY* SHY AND LIKE TO *HIDE* INSIDE THE WALLS AND STUFF.

"AND I *PROBABLY* THINK 99 IS MAKING FUN OF ME--

"--BUT *REALLY* SHE'S JUST BEING *SUPER NICE* AND *HELPFUL.*"

SHE IS X-66.

AND YOU CAN CALL ME *X-INFINITE.*

X-INFINITE? HE *HAS* TO HAVE NAMED HIMSELF THAT.

NOW, X-23--

LAURA.

...WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* HERE?

"THERE WAS A GIRL IN THE CITY. SHE'D *LOST CONTROL* OF HER POWERS.

"SHE HAD A TATTOO ON THE BACK OF HER NECK. IT READ *X-80.*

"SHE...THERE WASN'T *ANYTHING* I COULD DO."

WHATEVER DANGER THEIR FRIEND THOUGHT WAS COMING...THEY DON'T SEEM TO *KNOW* ABOUT IT.

IF SHE WAS SO SCARED, WHY DIDN'T SHE *WARN* THEM?

NO...

SHE *DIDN'T* SURVIVE, THEN.

→SNFFL←
WHY DIDN'T SHE *STAY?* MAYBE INFINITE COULD HAVE *FIXED* HER.

SHE WAS PROBABLY *FRIGHTENED* SHE WOULD HURT ONE OF US, IF SHE WAS LOSING CONTROL.

AFTER SHE...

AFTERWARDS, I TRACKED HER SCENT BACK TO THIS PLACE. I TAKE A *PERSONAL INTEREST* WHEN *ANYONE* EXPERIMENTS WITH MUTANT DNA.

SNIKT

SHE MEANS WE *STAB* THEM. *NONLETHALLY.* LIKE *HEROES.* AND THEN WE *BLOW UP* ALL THEIR STUFF.

WELL, *SORRY* TO SPOIL YOUR *NONLETHAL* FUN.

BUT YOU'RE A *FEW MONTHS* TOO LATE FOR THAT.

"THE SCIENTISTS HERE WERE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE NEW WEAPONS OF EVERY FLAVOR.

"IT SEEMS THE MARKET CAN ONLY SUPPORT SO MANY ASSASSINS.

MOVE IT, BRAIN.

AWW, CUT HIM SOME SLACK.

NOT *HIS FAULT* THEY MADE SUCH A *WEAK--*

"EXPERIMENTING WITH *ACCELERATED GROWTH.* POWERS THEY *DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.*

"SO MANY OF US DIDN'T EVEN *SURVIVE* PAST 'INFANCY.'

WHAT THE-- SOMETHING GOT LOOSE!

"AND PERHAPS...SOME *SHOULDN'T HAVE.*

HELP ME!

"*FOOLS* PLAYING WITH TOYS THEY *DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.*

AAAUUUUGH--

"I DON'T KNOW *HOW* HE ESCAPED CONTAINMENT.

"A RARE MOMENT OF *CARELESSNESS.*

"HE WAS SUCH A *LITTLE* THING.

"A LITTLE THING THAT KILLED OFF EVERY HUMAN AND QUITE A FEW OF US EXPERIMENTS."

GET BACK!

GHHAAAACK!

BANG BANG

WE ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT OF FACILITY 23.

FACILITY *23?!*

NAMED AFTER THEIR *GREATEST SUCCESS.* OR GREATEST *FAILURE.*

AND IT SOUNDS LIKE X-80 IS *ANOTHER ONE* OF THEIR FAILURES. AND *MINE.*

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO *HELP* HER BEFORE SHE--

IF SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS A *CHANCE,* SHE WOULD HAVE *STAYED.*

SHE *KNEW* THE WORK YOU WERE DOING.

WHAT THE HAPPY COUPLE *ISN'T* TELLING YOU IS THAT WE'RE ALL A LITTLE *DEFECTIVE.*

HEY! SPEAK FOR *YOURSELF,* 'THREE.

UNSTABLE WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE. THE LABS WERE MIXING SAMPLES, TRYING TO STACK POWERS.

I'VE READ THEIR REPORTS. YOU CAN CHARGE MORE FOR A *MULTI-TOOL* THAN A SIMPLE KNIFE.

AND SOMETIMES, IT GETS ALL MIXED UP AND GOES BAD AND THEN YOU DIE.

BUT INFINITE IS FIXING US!

I'M *TRYING.*

BUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE KEEPING YOU HERE ARE ***DEAD.*** YOU CAN ***LEAVE.*** GET HELP FROM--

BUT THIS IS OUR ***HOME!***

APART FROM THE ***SENTIMENTALITY,*** WE HAVE ***RESOURCES*** HERE. REGULAR SUPPLY SHIPMENTS FOR A ***SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER*** POPULATION.

AND ***WE'RE*** THE ONES WHO CONTROL IT ALL. IF WE LEAVE HERE, WE HAVE ***NOTHING.***

HOW CAN THEY ***STAND*** TO BE IN HERE WHEN THEY DON'T ***HAVE*** TO BE?

THERE ARE ***MUTANT SAFE HOUSES--***

BUT WE ***AREN'T*** MUTANTS.

YEAH, YOU'RE JUST A ***TOTALLY NORMAL*** BIRD HUMAN.

X-66 IS RIGHT. OUR ORIGINS MAY STEM FROM ***MUTANT*** GENETIC MATERIAL. WE MAY HAVE BEEN ***CRAFTED*** BY HUMANS.

BUT WE'RE ***THE GENERATED.*** WE'RE SOMETHING ***ENTIRELY DIFFERENT*** FROM EITHER.

I WOULD HOPE THAT *YOU* OF *ALL PEOPLE* WOULD UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION, X-23.

IT'S *LAURA.*

YES, YOU HAVE A *HUMAN* NAME. A *MUTANT* CODENAME. BUT YOUR *GENERATED NUMBER* IS WHO YOU WERE *FIRST.*

OH! YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY *SUPER-IMPORTANT JOB!*

THAT'S WHY YOU THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE!

DR. CHILES REPORTING IN. THE TRAINING OF THE WEAPONS PROGRESSES AS PLANNED.

*PLEASE INCREASE THE SNACK-FOOD ALLOTMENT IN OUR NEXT SUPPLY SHIPMENT. IT IS AN **EXCELLENT** MOTIVATOR.*

YOU SEE? THEY HAVE *NO IDEA* THAT FACILITY 23 IS NO LONGER UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

IT *WON'T* STAY THAT WAY FOREVER.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY COME TO COLLECT ON THEIR *INVESTMENTS?*

WE *HAD* AN EFFECTIVE SECURITY FORCE. UNTIL *YOU* TRASHED IT.

LUCKILY, WE HAVEN'T BEEN *IDLE* SINCE WE TOOK OVER. WE *DO* KNOW HOW TO FIGHT.

DUDE! WE SHOULD SHOW HER A TRAINING SESSION!

SHE CAN GIVE US SUPER-HERO-LEVEL TIPS AND STUFF!

SHOW OFF, YOU MEAN.

WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO STARE AT THIS STUNNING METAL SKIN?

I COULD GIVE SUGGESTIONS ON DEFENSE IF I SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF. AND HOW YOU WORK TOGETHER.

PLEEEEEEEEEASE? YOU SAID WE SHOULD TRAIN MORE ANYWAY.

DOESN'T HURT THAT A FIGHT IS THE PERFECT WAY TO GET TO KNOW SOMEONE BETTER.

WHY NOT? AS LONG AS WE HAVE AN EXPERT WITH US.

YES!

I *KNOW* A TELEPATHIC CONVERSATION WHEN I SEE ONE.

UGH. THEY'RE *SO GROSS* WITH THAT STUFF.

HE CAN READ MINDS?

UM. NO. HE'S JUST, YOU KNOW. *REALLY* SMART.

66 CAN THOUGH. THE SCIENTISTS MADE HER DO *ALL KINDS* OF CRAZY TRAINING.

"THEN ONE DAY, SHE WOKE UP AND HAD *FEATHERS.*

"THE SCIENTISTS WERE *SUPER* PISSED. SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO *BLEND IN* FOR JOBS AND STUFF."

IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY DIDN'T EXACTLY *KNOW* WHAT THEY WERE DOING.

OR THEY DIDN'T *CARE.* THROW *EVERY-THING* AT THE WALL AND SEE WHAT STICKS, *WHATEVER* THE COST.

AND *THAT* TURNED OUT TO BE THEIR *OWN LIVES.*

SHE DIDN'T MIND, OF COURSE. *SHE* GOT TO FLY ALL OF A SUDDEN.

AND *SOMEHOW,* SHE GOT *EVEN PRETTIER* AS A BIRD? *TOTALLY* NOT FAIR.

TOTALLY.

OOOH. ARE THERE MORE *LAURABOTS* TO FIGHT?

DON'T CALL THEM THAT.

THE 23.0 UNITS ARE *STRICTLY* A SECURITY FORCE.

OR *WERE*, RATHER.

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE *EVERYONE* PLAYED!

WHAT'S THE GAME?

CATCHING THE FLAG!

KINDA *BASIC*, ISN'T IT?

AND I THINK IT'S "CAPTURE."

SO YOU *DON'T* WANT TO PLAY?

I DIDN'T SAY *THAT.*

SNIKT

SNIKT

NOT PARTICIPATING?

BEING A *SCIENTIFIC GENIUS* DOESN'T EXACTLY LEND ITSELF TO *COMBAT.*

I KNOW *SEVERAL* SCIENTIFIC GENIUSES WHO WOULD SAY OTHERWISE.

YES, YES. MORE OF YOUR *MUTANT* FRIENDS.

"WHAT DO YOU HAVE AGAINST *MUTANTS?*"

I *HATE* WHEN YOU COPY ME, X-99.

BUT I *LIKE* FLYING!

"I'VE READ *ALL* ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR *MUTANT-NATION* EXPERIMENT, X-23.

"IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO RECRUIT US TO A *FAILED CAUSE.*"

CAN I *THROW YOU* THIS TIME?

YOU CAN THROW ME THIS TIME.

I'M *NOT* HERE TO *RECRUIT* ANYONE. IT'S *NEVER* BEEN ABOUT THAT.

IT'S ABOUT BEING PART OF A *COMMUNITY.*

AND THE GENERATED DON'T *NEED* THAT. WE'RE *ALREADY* A COMMUNITY UNTO OURSELVES.

MAYBE HE HAS A POINT.

WHAT *RIGHT* DO I HAVE TO COME IN HERE AND *TELL THEM* WHAT THEY SHOULD DO?

ISN'T GIVING THEM THE *CHOICE* ENOUGH? LETTING *THEM* DECIDE THE KIND OF LIFE THEY WANT TO LIVE?

NO *FAIR!* I WANTED TO *FLY!*

BUT THERE'S STILL WHATEVER *DANGER* X-80 WAS AFRAID OF...

SORRY, 99.

HAH... OR *AM I* 99?

YOU ARE.

WHO'S UP FOR *ROAST CHICKEN?*

YOU *MISSED.*

WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS DISTRACTED...

...SUCCESSFUL SCOUT SNEAK ATTACK!

OOOH, TRICKY.

BUT TOO SLOW!

ROUND TWO...ANY-ONE?

LOOKING WAY TOO TIRED FOR SOMEONE WHO BARELY DID ANYTHING, BRO.

WHY IS...

...FIRE?!

AAAAAARGH!

GET THEM CLEAR!

'THREE?! HOW ARE YOU--?!

DON'T!

OOOF!

FWOOM

NOT GOOD.

IS *THIS* WHAT X-80 SAW? WHAT I'M *SUPPOSED* TO *STOP?*

I'VE *HEARD* GETTING SET ON FIRE CAN *REALLY HURT.*

YOU SHOULD *WAIT OUTSIDE* AND LET LAURA HANDLE IT.

HU... HURTS!

NNNGH! DON'T LET THE POWER--

AAAAAGGGGHHHHA!

NO NO NO NO NO...

X-73! YOU HAVE TO CONTROL IT!

NO...

...NOT AGAIN!

KABOOM!

...THREE?

NOOO!

...CAPACITY FOR REGENERATION IS *REMARKABLE.*

PRETTY SURE IT'S THE *MOST BURNED* I'VE SEEN HER GET...

...LAURA?

NNNNGH...

LAURA!

YOU PROBABLY *SHOULDN'T* TALK. NOT UNTIL MORE OF YOUR FACE *GROWS BACK.*

BUT ONCE YOU'VE HEALED, X-23, WE *WILL* BE HAVING A DISCUSSION...

...AND YOU *WILL* ANSWER FOR MY FRIEND'S *DEATH.*

TO BE CONTINUED!

X-MENTIONS

NO CHURCH WOULD TAKE OUR LOVED ONES WHO'D PASSED. EVERY TOMB WOULD BE DESECRATED. EVERY GRAVE MOLESTED.

- The "Dark Artery" storyline made a splash a few months ago, with readers curious about the turn-of-the-century mutants who had made Haven House their sanctuary. They're called the Regulators, and more about them will be revealed in next month's **UNCANNY X-MEN ANNUAL #1**! It's co-written by **Gail Simone** and **Mikki Kendall** and illustrated by **Francesco Mortarino**, and it brings the X-Men once again into contact with Lady Henrietta and her compatriots. Flash a "Midnight M" sign as you bring your copy to the checkout so that the proprietor will know you're one of the faithful!

- Logan's had a rough go of it lately, but what else is new for the supercentenarian mutant? Beginning in **WOLVERINE #18**, a new arc kicks off as the seeds sown throughout this series bear ever more bitter and more brutal fruit! It's the return of one enemy…and the DEATH of another! But the biggest surprise just might be Wolverine's allies, as the demigod HERCULES makes the scene! And don't forget, **WOLVERINE #19** is on sale next month as well, as the intensity ramps up beyond what just a single issue can contain!

- There are strange goings-on starting in **UNCANNY X-MEN #26** as well, with the Outliers missing and some surprising guest stars showing up in their place! What's happened to the kids, and what will this mean for Rogue and her crew? It's the buildup to a story you've been asking for, and the answers are coming your way in just a few short weeks!

- And, hey, for those keeping score at home, the New York Public Library included **EXCEPTIONAL X-MEN** Volume 1 on their list of the Best Books for Teens of 2025! So it's never too late to hop on board—either through the power of your local library or your friendly neighborhood comic book retailer!

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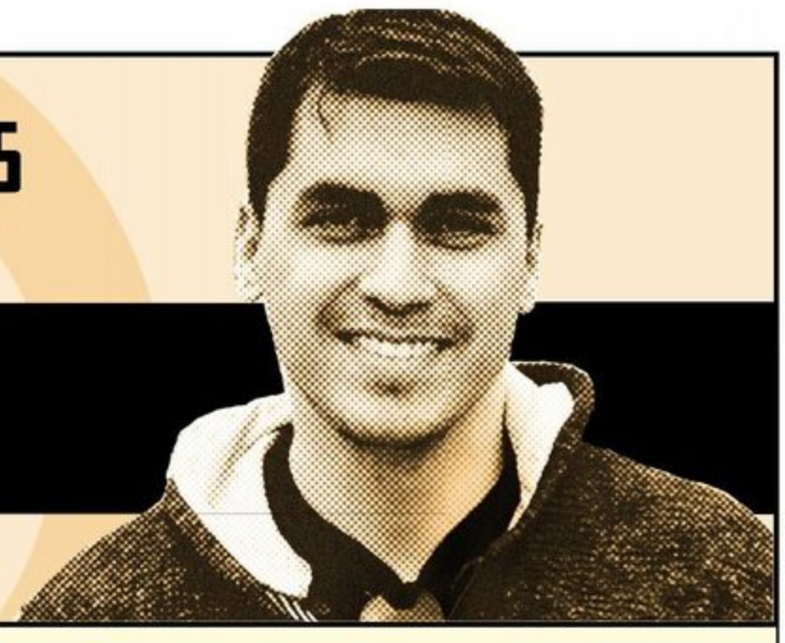


1. The first comic book I ever saw was an X-MEN book. And the first one I bought was AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I copied everything from Romita Jr., who handled the art. It was the only comic I had for years.

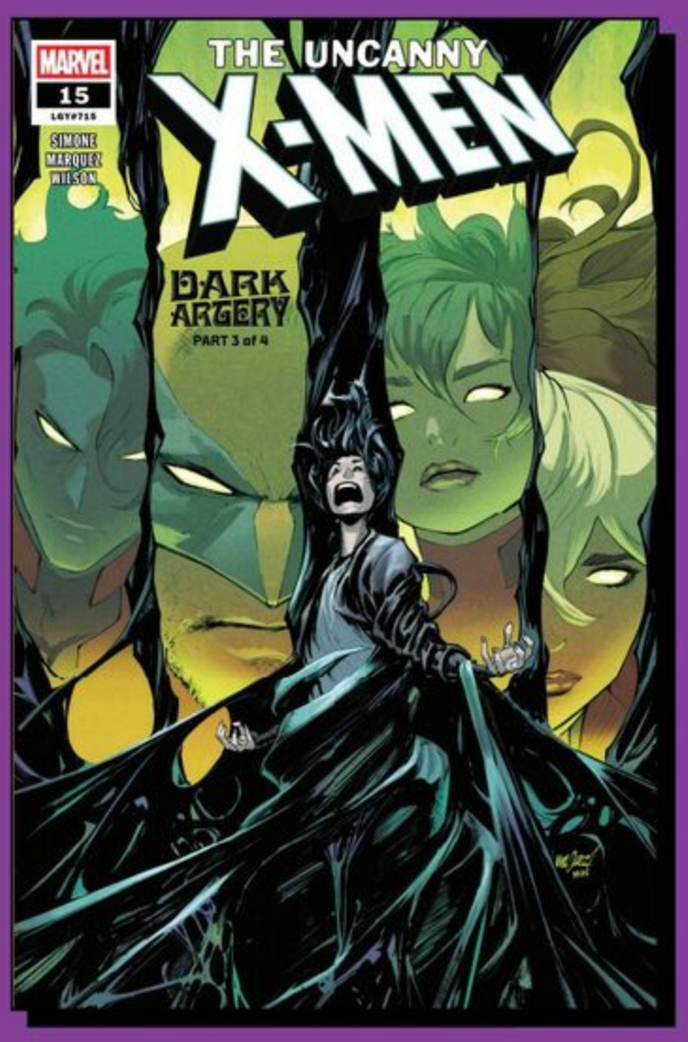
2. My mother is the reason I got into comics. She sent my portfolio to comic schools and asked them to help me get work. One of my main teachers was Geraldo Borges back in 2011. Thanks to my mom, Malena. Love you, Mom! Also, my wife loves super-hero stuff too. She has been very supportive to the point of actually entering the industry as a colorist. Love you, baby.

3. I have a fun memory with my cousin and uncles where we spent hours drawing and imagining situations with Wolverine, the X-Men and Spider-Man. They have a big collection, and thanks to them, I got to read many classic stories and got into the whole comics world.

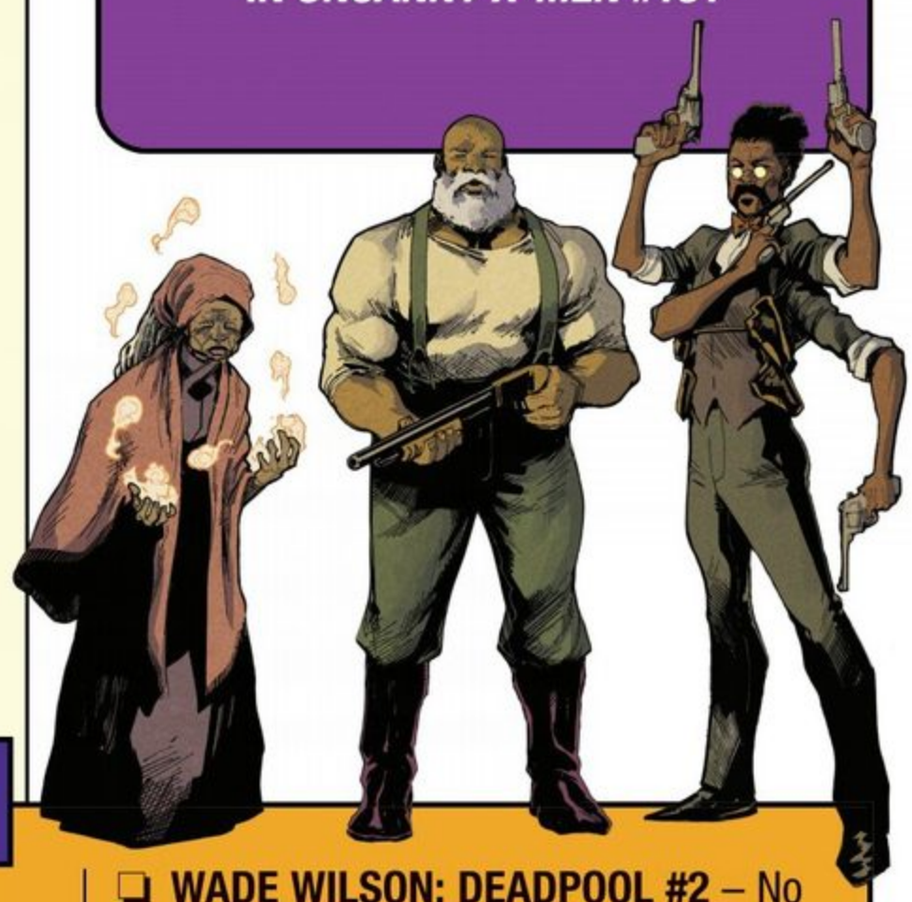
4. I used to play volleyball but decided to stop after I twisted my ankle, twisted my wrist, and broke two fingers. When I broke the finger of my drawing hand, I still had to come back home and draw and ink a cover. I don't play anymore.

5. I'm Brazilian, so I speak Portuguese, and I'm also fluent in English. The random fact is that I can also speak some Mandarin. It's a beautiful language! You should try!

KEY BACK ISSUE OF THE MONTH:



THE REGULATORS MADE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE LAST YEAR IN *UNCANNY X-MEN #15*!



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- ❑ **X-MEN #26** – "Danger Room," Part One, as the X-Men are besieged from all sides!
- ❑ **X-MEN #27** – "Danger Room," Part Two, as a fatality brings the crisis to a head!
- ❑ **X-MEN ANNUAL #1** – An art jam spectacular courtesy of Ryan Stegman as the Creationist unleashes his imagination against the X-Men!
- ❑ **UNCANNY X-MEN #25** –The Legion of Monsters has come to induct two X-Men into their ranks!
- ❑ **X-MEN UNITED #1** – Class is now in session at the crossroads of the X-Universe! Everybody's in this one!
- ❑ **WOLVERINE #17** – Logan and Silver Sable, frozen out by Coldbug!
- ❑ **CYCLOPS #2** – The Reavers are on the hunt, and Cyclops is virtually blind!
- ❑ **GENERATION X-23 #2** – The Facility's new creations prove a challenge for Wolverine and Scout!
- ❑ **MOONSTAR #1** – Dani Moonstar must track down an ancient soul-stealing weapon!
- ❑ **MAGIK & COLOSSUS #2** – The Immortal has corrupted the Rasputin siblings' homeland!
- ❑ **STORM: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST MUTANT #2** – As the War of Realms heats up, Galacta makes her startling debut!
- ❑ **WOLVERINE: WEAPONS OF ARMAGEDDON #2** – Dark secrets connect Wolverine, Nuke and former super-soldier Dave Colton!
- ❑ **ROGUE #3** – Does the Constrictor hold the secret of Rogue's missing memories?
- ❑ **WADE WILSON: DEADPOOL #2** – No more clowning around as Wade must grapple with predictions of the future!
- ❑ **INGLORIOUS X-FORCE #3** – Boom-Boom—weaponized for profit! Sounds like the work of the Beyond Corporation!
- ❑ **PSYLOCKE: NINJA #3** – In days gone by, Psylocke is reunited with Wolverine and Jubilee! But will she recognize them?
- ❑ **LOGAN: BLACK, WHITE & BLOOD #3** – Before you seek revenge, dig six graves!
- ❑ **ICEMAN OMEGA #1** – Luciano Vecchio showcases the power and range of the coolest of mutants!
- ❑ **AVENGERS #36** – Jed MacKay's era ends in a giant-sized climax!

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